



SUCCESS STORY

National Association of Microfinance Institutions in Haiti (ANIMH) launches its Training Center



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Participants and trainers of a joint USAID/Haiti and ANIMH sponsored training of trainers on the CGAP course "Managing Delinquencies."

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Since 1995, USAID/Haiti has maintained and strengthened its commitment to microfinance development in Haiti by encouraging the sharing of best practice concepts to Haitian microfinance institutions (MFIs) through technical assistance, training, and training of trainers. Under the five-year Financial Services Network for Entrepreneurial Empowerment (FINNET) project, 232 training events were delivered to more than 3,818 participants. USAID/Haiti, through its support to Haiti's Microfinance, Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises sector (Haiti MSME) project, continues the support of training activities, having sponsored over 25 market-based sector-wide trainings to Haiti's microfinance industry since July 2006.

Faced with rapid growth and the limited availability of qualified human resources, the microfinance sector requires access to sustainable microfinance training services. Through USAID/Haiti support, in May 2007, the National Association of Microfinance Institutions in Haiti (ANIMH) officially launched its training center - achieving a major milestone for the Haitian microfinance sector and for USAID/Haiti -. ANIMH, an association of 17 non-cooperative microfinance institutions, contributes to Haiti's microfinance sector by improving the professionalism of those MFIs providing financial services to microentrepreneurs unserved by traditional financial institutions.

ANIMH's training center provides a training solution to all Haitian MFIs as well as to the general public. The Center aims to serve a broad variety of sector needs, including basic courses in microfinance, CGAP courses, training of trainers' workshops, and other courses that support professional development of MFI practitioners. The Center also provides trainings tailored to the needs of individual MFIs. Since its launch, the training center has delivered 14 trainings to 186 participants.

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